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Arlington Prescription Discount Program Saves Residents \$14K

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Arlington Prescription Discount Program Saves Residents Money 450+ Residents Utilized Free Prescription Discount Card, Save Over \$14K

Through its participation in the National League of Cities' (NLC) Prescription Discount Card program, Arlington saved its residents over \$14,000 on prescription drugs. Town Manager Brian Sullivan stated that since launching the program late last year, 468 residents have saved an average of 26% per prescription.

"The program has proven to be very successful in helping residents defray the high cost of prescription drugs," said Town Manager Brian Sullivan. "I'd like to encourage residents who can, but have not taken advantage of these savings to have another look at the program. I'd also like to thank all Arlington pharmacies for their continued participation in the program."

The discount cards may be used by all residents of Arlington and has no restrictions based on the resident's age, income level, or existing health coverage. Pets that take prescriptions used to treat human conditions are also covered.

With the cost of prescription drugs increasing, this program makes it more affordable for residents to purchase drugs needed to help with short-term illnesses or chronic conditions. The discount card benefits not only those without insurance, but can also be used by underinsured residents to obtain prescriptions that are excluded from health benefit plans.

The NLC card can be used when purchasing prescription drugs at all five pharmacies in Town, as well as at more than 60,000 participating retail pharmacies across the country.

Using the program is easy for residents. Cards can be printed online and are available, at no cost to Arlington residents, at Town Hall, Senior Center, both Robbins and Fox libraries, and at all participating pharmacies in Town. Residents just present their card and their prescription(s) at a participating pharmacy. Residents can visit arlingtonma.gov/prescriptioncards for details on the program and to print their own card. They can also call toll-free 1-888-620-1749 for assistance with the program. Participating pharmacies in Arlington include:

CVS Pharmacy (at Alewife Brook Parkway) 23 Mass Ave

Maida Pharmacy (at Windsor St.) 121 Mass Ave

Stop & Shop Pharmacy 905 Mass Ave

Walgreens 324 Mass Ave (at Adams St.) 1425 Mass Ave (at Paul Revere Road) The program is administered by CVS Caremark.

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